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Wayne police are offering clean up kits at no cost to those still cleaning up damage and debris from the storms last week.

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During an emergency meeting last Friday, members of the Westland City Council agreed to allocate up to \$1 million in funding to clean up storm damage.

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## Police sergeant sues City of Wayne officials

A City of Wayne police officer has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court seeking a jury trial and damages in excess of \$75,000 for alleged breach of duty by Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini.

The suit also names Mayor John Rhaesa, members of the Wayne City Council and Personnel Director Alyse Leslie as defendants in depriving Hughes of his rights under the 14th Constitutional Amendment.

In his lawsuit, Police Sgt. Abraham Hughes, who joined the Wayne department in February of 2002, alleges that Nocerini interfered with and corrupted the process conducted in the hiring a replacement for retiring Police Chief Alan Maciag who retired in December of 2018.

Hughes claims that Nocerini changed the scoring criteria for the job after he attained the highest marks on testing performed by EMPCO, an independent consulting agency hired to test applicants for the chief's job.

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A letter from EMPCO Director of Marketing/Project Management Charles L. Castle, however, denies that claim.

The opening for the chief's job was posted in the department on Dec. 19, 2018 and the qualifications listed were a verbal interview, a four-year college degree and testing to be conducted by EMPCO.

Hughes, Lt. Ryan Strong and another police sergeant applied for the position, although the third applicant withdrew before testing. According to the court filings, on Feb. 20 Strong and Hughes were informed by EMPCO that the sole qualification for the open chief of police position would be the objective results, score-and-score-only of the EMPCO testing process.

That testing was completed at Wayne City Hall on March 7, 2019. Hughes was subsequently informed by Nocerini and Leslie that Strong, who was then acting chief, had received a score of 90 while Hughes had received a score of 87 on the testing. Strong was then named to the chief of police position.

In court filings, Hughes recounts that on or about March 14, 2019, he was informed by a third party that one of the assessors who conducted the EMPCO testing confirmed that, in fact, Hughes had received the higher score of the two candidates tested.

Hughes also claims that in a later meeting Castle confirmed that Hughes had received the higher test score. The court filing also claims that Castle confirmed that Nocerini then intervened in the EMPCO testing process to attempt to change the criteria used in the scoring to ensure the job went to the candidate of her choice. Castle has denied both those assertions in a letter to the city.



Abraham Hughes

Hughes claims in the lawsuit that he met with Strong to voice his concerns that Nocerini had “arbitrarily and secretly added the subjective elements to the process while EMPCO was in the process of completing it.”

Hughes' complaints resulted in an internal investigation of Nocerini's interference by city attorney Anthony Chubb and

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## Art In The Park returns to downtown Plymouth

A 40-year tradition will return to the downtown streets of Plymouth tomorrow as Art In The Park, the second largest art fair in the state, welcomes visitors to downtown Plymouth. This year, the massive art sale will take place beginning Friday, July 9 and continue through Sunday, July 11.

The staple of Plymouth Art in the Park remains the 400 plus artists from around the United States and Canada. Thousands of pieces of original artwork will be available for purchase including: paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, fine glass, woodwork, mixed media, photography, and folk art, according to organizers. Young visitors can participate in the painting of the children's mural and young artists will have booths around Kellogg Park selling their artwork.

There will also be face painting, sandy candy art, balloons, henna body art and caricatures designed to please younger visitors, according to organizers. My Adventure Theatre, an interactive family-friendly theater experience for the entire family will be entertaining in Kellogg Park. Characters are chosen from the audience, costumed on the spot and narrated through adventures complete with songs, dancing and fun.

The bump-outs into downtown streets to accommodate local restaurants will impact the usual booth layout this year, organizers



said, but visitors can expect many of their favorite and usual exhibitors along with some new artisans.

The Living Mural will be at Ann Arbor Trail and Main streets when former Canton resident Kristen Dillenbeck Zipp of Portland, ORE will create a living art mural during the event for the 11th year. George Tait's Stand Still Theater will be on the compass and Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail from 1 until 5 all weekend.

The chalk mural will be located on the concrete at Main and Penniman this year and local artist Erin Dillenbeck and D & M Art Studio students and teachers

will work on the chalk art creation all weekend.

Juggler John Park will appear on stage in the park at noon, 3 and 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at noon and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Raggae Band Roots Vibration will perform at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Forest Avenue all three days.

Also set to entertain crowds is Vibraphonist John Davis who will perform all weekend in booth 255 on South Main Street.

Parking for the event is free at Schoolcraft College where a \$3 shuttle ride will bring visitors to the center of the festival at Plymouth City Hall. The coaches

are air-conditioned and have restrooms on board. They can accommodate strollers and offer storage for art purchases.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

Due to the predicted warm temperatures, pets should be left at home, organizers said, as the hot pavement can burn foot pads and cause serious, and expensive, injury to animals.

Veterinarians noted that owners should test pavement using the back of their hand placed flat on the surface. If they are not comfortable leaving their hand

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## Romulus Fire Department wins ALS designation

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*It's important the Romulus Fire Department remains progressive and continues to make critical enhancements.*

City of Romulus Fire Department officials were proud to announce to members of the City Council recently that the prestigious and coveted Advanced Life Support (ALS) certification has been awarded to the department.

Chief Kevin Krause, director of Fire Services and Emergency Management said that the new designation is part of a continued effort to enhance the city public service model and ensure the safety and well being of residents. The nearly two-year process included Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training for

staff, a shift in recruitment and hiring policies and a rigorous inspection carried out by the State of Michigan and Health Emergency Medical Services, or HEMS, the local medical control board.

“Romulus residents deserve a state-of-the-art public service model that is at a consistent service level with surrounding

communities and completing the Advanced Life Support certification is a critical step toward further strengthening our systems,” said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. “The safety and well being of our residents are our number one priority. I would like to thank all of our firefighters for their dedication and commitment to

advancing our fire department and providing a better service model to the Romulus community.”

The Romulus Fire Department averages 15 calls a day and around 80 percent of those calls require EMS support, officials said. With the ALS certification, Romulus firefighters will have the ability to treat patients on the scene and transport them directly to the hospital instead of waiting for EMS support to arrive-reducing the number of emergency vehicles on the road and

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# Inkster - Romulus

## Officials urge residents to document flood damage

While most of the water from the torrential storms which took place last week has receded, the damage inflicted by Mother Nature remains.

Piles of damaged furniture and belongings remain piled in front of homes throughout the area as residents attempt to cope with the loss of property and damage the monumental rains inflicted.

Inkster residents, like those in neighboring communities, have been urged by city officials to document any damage suffered during the flooding last week.

In a letter to residents, officials said that the focus is the “protection of the health and well-being of our residents, workers, and visitors.”

Staff members from the city Department of Public Services were called in to work along with other support staff to assist residents with flood remediation efforts, the letter continued. “We are in communication with the Governor's office and are seeking guidance and assistance from other appropriate governmental agencies. As we await word about the potential for the

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declaration of a state of emergency, we ask all residents to document any flood damage with photographs and/or video in the event disaster relief is later made available.”

Officials stressed that documentation and or physical evi-

dence of flooding damage could also be critical to obtaining relief should it become available. Residents were asked to take special care around any remaining standing water and be mindful of the dangers associated when electrical current comes

into contact with water.

Inkster police and fire departments as well as other city personnel were patrolling the city in an effort to locate any obvious hazards but officials urged residents to notify public safety departments of any safety issues that may remain in and around homes or businesses.

To contact the Inkster Police Department through the non-emergency number, call (313) 563-9850 or use the general city hall phone numbers (313) 563-4232 during normal business hours for more information.

## Happy 50th Community events continue in park

While the official celebration of the 50th birthday of the City of Romulus was delayed due to the pandemic, city officials have announced a variety of upcoming free summer community events to help celebrate the half-century mark.

The events, all scheduled to take place in Historical Park, include a performance by Mob Opera from 7 until 9:30 p.m. tomorrow, July 9. Raya and the Last Dragon will be the Movie in the Park planned for July 16. The outdoor movie will begin at dusk.

On July 23, Infinity & Beyond will perform from 7 until 9:30 p.m.

Ventriloquist Richard Paul will perform from 5 until 8 p.m. on Aug. 6 while D'Tour will entertain from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Aug. 13.

The Movie in the Park on Aug. 20 will be Tom & Jerry and will begin at dusk.

Tequila Mockingbird will perform in concert from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Aug. 27.

Historical park is located at 11120 Hunt St. in Romulus. For more information, visit DowntownRomulus on Facebook or call the Romulus Downtown Development Authority at (734) 942-7545.

## Fire

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improving patient outcomes.

The certification will also allow the Romulus Fire Department personnel to treat a greater number of severe medical conditions such as cardiac illness, Krause added.

In 2018, Romulus officials undertook a seven-month community engagement process to better understand residents' needs.

One result was the decision to increase public safety efforts and during that same time, the city administration worked to propose a fire and police millage that would support public safety over the next five years. In 2018, for the first time in the history of the city, Romulus residents came together and

approved the current a public safety millage.

“It's important the Romulus Fire Department remains progressive and continues to make critical enhancements to increase the services and support we can provide residents,” said Krause.

“This latest enhancement is a direct result of residents passing the 2018 public safety millage and we're pleased to demonstrate to residents how their tax dollars are being used to assist their families and neighbors.”

Among the ALS certification and other public safety investments, the historic approval of the public safety millage allowed the city to utilize grant funding to reopen a second fire station located at 7221 Middlebelt Road, hire additional firefighters and retrofit fire department vehicles with advanced state-of-the-art equipment, officials said.

### CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

#### RFP 20/21-09 5 Year HVAC Maintenance Contract for all City Buildings

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking proposals from qualified contractors for a five year contract to perform maintenance on HVAC systems in all city buildings.

- Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a proposal must use the forms provided by the City. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the [MITN system at http://www.mitn.info/](http://www.mitn.info/). Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Proposals may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.
- A mandatory site visit must be made by contacting the DPW foreman for an appointment. (Contact info in proposal documents)
- Questions must be emailed to [Purchasing@romulusgov.com](mailto:Purchasing@romulusgov.com) and received no later than five business days prior to the published deadline for the submittal of proposals
- Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the “Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the RFP documents
- The public opening of all timely received proposals will take place at approximately 3:00 pm in the City of Romulus Council Chambers located at 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174.
- Proposals should be addressed using the proposal label provided in the RFP documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. When submitting hardcopies, a total of four (4) copies (One original and four marked “Copy”) and 1 electronic copy in “PDF” form of the documents must be submitted together in a sealed envelope or package and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Wednesday August 11, 2021. The original proposal may be clipped but should not be stapled or bound. Copies may be stapled or bound. The original and copies should be identical, excluding the obvious difference in labeling.
- A total of four (4) copies (One original and four marked “Copy”) and 1 electronic copy in “PDF” form of the documents of the proposal must be submitted together in a sealed envelope or package and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Wednesday, 8/11/2021. The original proposal may be clipped but should not be stapled or bound. Copies may be stapled and bound. The original and copies should be identical, excluding the obvious difference in labeling.
- One RFP pricing sheet must be sealed in a separate envelope and placed within the envelope/package containing the copies of the proposals. This envelope should be clearly marked “RFP 20/21-09 5 Year HVAC Maintenance Contract for all City Buildings.” **DO NOT INCLUDE ANY PRICING OR FEES IN YOUR TECHNICAL PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS.** Failure to submit pricing on the proposal form provided by the City of Romulus may cause the bid to be considered non-responsive and ineligible for award. Proposals should be addressed using the proposal label provided in the RFP documents.
- At approximately 3:00 p.m. local time following the deadline for submitting bids, all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.
- The successful Contractor will be required to enter into a contract with, and provide all bonds and submit proof of all insurance required by the request for proposal documents and originals of all required endorsements acceptable to the City.
- The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in proposals received. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
- The City reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any proposals that do not contain the information requested in this RFP
- The City reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any proposals which are not organized and formatted as described in this RFP.
- The City, during the course of the evaluation process, may request additional written information to supplement and clarify the information provided in this response.
- The City, at the discretion of the proposal evaluation team, may conduct interviews with some or all of the companies that submitted proposals for consideration.
- For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing [purchasing@romulusgov.com](mailto:purchasing@romulusgov.com).
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 to consider requests for:

- Special Land Use approval for a drive-thru restaurant (Dairy Queen Chill & Grill) located at 40570 5 Mile Rd.
- Amend the approved PUD at 15550 Haggerty Rd. (Cantoro Market) substituting the office/medical building with Luxury Apartments

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans will be available for viewing at the Township between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Chair  
Planning Commission

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### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING June 7, 2021

**Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174**  
**THE MEETING WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY**  
**VIA ZOOM MEETING TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.  
Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilman William Wadsworth

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Kathy Abdo (remote from Romulus, MI), John Barden (remote from Romulus, MI), Celeste Roscoe (remote from Romulus, MI), Tina Talley (remote from Romulus, MI), William Wadsworth (remote from Romulus, MI), Eva Webb (remote from Romulus, MI), Virginia Williams (remote from Romulus, MI)

**Absent / Excused: None**

#### Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor  
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk  
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

#### Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Carol Maise - City Planner; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Services; Derran Shelby - Police Captain; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Kathy Hood - Assistant DPW Director; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Merrie Druyor - TIFA/DDA Director & Economic Development Coordinator; Tonya Cofield - Director of Parks & Recreation; D'Sjonaun Hockenhill - Deputy Clerk.

#### 1. Agenda

- A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Agenda.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

#### 2. Minutes

- A. **Res. # 21-160** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb for approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

#### 3. Petitioner - None

#### 4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

- Res. # 21-161** Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Eva Webb to concur with a resolution adopted by the Wayne County Commission to end the tampon tax. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- A. Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the Chairperson's Report  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

#### 5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

- A. **Res. # 21-162** Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by William Wadsworth to concur with the administration and approve the Annual Community Resolution Accepting Long-Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- B. **Res. # 21-163** Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the administration and approve a 10% contract contingency for the Huron River Drive Pathway project in the amount of \$50,203.25 for any unforeseen construction costs as a result of this MDOT bid project. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- C. **Res. #21-164** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the administration to award and approve ITB 20/21-16 to the lowest most responsible, and responsive bidding company, Rey-Mart Asphalt, Inc., for a two-year contractual services agreement (term to expire 6/30/23) for the repair of asphalt on an as-needed basis on both local and major roads and city-owned properties for the City of Romulus, Department of Public Works.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- D. **Res. #21-165** Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by William Wadsworth to approve and concur with the administration to Piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #00861 to improve and renovate the drainage system in the quarantine room at the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$33,883.00.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

#### Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

- E. **Res. #21-166** Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the amendment to the Parks and Recreation Department 2021/2022 Fee Schedule - reduce the fee for Memorial and Repass Services to better serve the community. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

- F. **Res. # 21-167** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Study Session Request by Maria Farris, Finance Director, for June 28, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the enrollment and enhancement of WRAP option 1 program. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

#### 6. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.

#### 7. Public Comment - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.

#### 8. Unfinished Business

#### 9. New Business

#### 10. Communication - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes.

#### 11. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 7, 2021.

  
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg,  
City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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# BELLEVILLE - NORTHVILLE

## Northville police now wearing body cameras

Northville Township Police officers are now equipped with body cameras that record interactions with the public and increase transparency.

The technology protects both residents and officers by providing a new means of accountability, police officials said.

“Digital evidence is a priority in policing in this social media-savvy world,” Police Chief Paul Tennes said. “Our employees asked for this and our residents did, too. It’s another way we are working for a safer community.”

Northville Township officials planned to add these cameras in 2023, but after use of force incidents across the country received nationwide attention in 2020, members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees approved the accelerated purchase at a cost of \$300,000 using drug forfeiture funds and grant money.

Currently the department is equipped with 40 WatchGuard V300s and 21 in-car cameras.

“Public safety is a top priority for residents,” Tennes said. “This tool is an effective means for collecting evidence. Cameras do not capture the entirety of an incident but provide an additional perspective to what occurred during an incident.”

The body camera footage also will assist the department in training exercises, be used in officer reviews and for internal investigations, he added. The body cameras interface with the cameras installed in township patrol cars. The two work together, capturing synchronized video from an incident from multiple

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The cameras have panoramic-like quality that captures the scene similar to the way the human eye works.

vantage point, Tennes explained. These new systems replaced in-car cameras that were used since the early 2000s, so the technology has significantly advanced, experts noted.

The cameras are triggered when the lights and sirens are turned on. The body camera also may be turned on manually.

“When we say we added the cameras into our vehicles, it was more than just mounting a camera on a dashboard,” Tennes

Northville Township Fire Department will now also have cameras in department vehicles.

Key personnel also received special training on how to redact the video to protect the privacy of anyone captured on camera who may not have been a party in the incident.

That critical step often unfolds if the video is necessary to release to the public.

“The training our department received to use these cameras to their full potential was extensive,” Tennes said. “It was quite an undertaking for our team to evaluate and implement this technology with an accelerated timeline, but we are excited to offer them to Northville Township. Our community will benefit from them for years to come.”

## Van Buren hosts park concerts

Back by popular demand, the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation department will be hosting concerts in the park. In partnership with Wayne County Community College (WCCC) Ted Scott Campus, all events will take place from 7 until 8:30 p.m. outdoors on Wednesdays and are free to the public, rain or shine.

“This is one of my favorite events,” commented Van Buren Township Treasurer Sharry Budd. “I remember picking up dinner and heading to the park with my husband. I’m so glad we’ve continued the tradition for our residents.”

The summer concert series line up and locations include: July 14 - Concert at Quirk Park: Your Generation In Concert behind Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road.

This live multimedia spectacular celebrates five decades of pop, rock, dance, and R&B hits; July 21, Concert at Quirk Park: Motor City Soul behind Township

Hall at 46425 Tyler Road. The mix of Motown, Soul, R&B, Funk, Oldies, modern Pop, and Rock includes songs recognized by most and loved by all; July 28 Concert at Quirk Park: Alan Turner behind Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road. This renegade country artist delivers high-energy country music with a rock edge; Aug. 4 - Concert at WCCC: The Beatles Forever- A Short Story with Music at Wayne County Community College Ted Scott Campus- 9555 Haggerty Road; Aug. 11 - Concert at WCCC: Picks & Bow at Wayne County Community College Ted Scott Campus- 9555 Haggerty Road.

“I just love seeing all generations come together to enjoy the music,” said Van Buren Township Recreation Director Jennifer Zaenglein. “This year we have some really amazing bands that will make you want to get up and groove.”

For more information visit [vanburen-mi.org](http://vanburen-mi.org).



### Taking the oath

The new members of the Rotary Club of Belleville Board of Directors were officially sworn into office last week by 2022-2023 Rotary District 6400 District Governor Elect Traci Sincok, far right. New officers for the 2021-2022 year include, right to left, returning President Debra Green, Mary Jo Suchy, Brian Pearcy, Rachel Kozlowski, Keith Bruder, Corrine Flynn and Patti Monroe.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden  
Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilperson Wadsworth  
Roll Call  
Present: Kathy Abdo (remote from Romulus, MI), John Barden (remote from Romulus, MI), Celeste Roscoe (remote from Romulus, MI), Tina Talley (remote from Romulus, MI), William Wadsworth (remote from Romulus, MI), Eva Webb (remote from Romulus, MI)  
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1. Agenda  
A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes  
A. Res. #21-168 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 7, 2021, at 7:30 pm. Motion Carried Unanimously  
B. Res. #21-169 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting(s) held on June 7, 2021 - 6:00 pm Study Session to discuss changes in engineering standards and 7:00 pm Study Session to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes  
Res. #21-170 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by William Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Cynthia Thomas. Motion Carried Unanimously  
A. Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes  
A. Res. #21-171 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Sub Recipient Grant Agreement with Health Emergency Medical Services (HEMS), for acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$4,664.94 from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of EMS & Trauma Preparedness, grant funds will allow the Fire Department to purchase 10 new adult backboards and four (4) pediatric backboards. Motion Carried Unanimously  
B. Res. #21-172 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to amend the contract for Recording Secretary services contract from \$100 per Planning Commission and ZBA meeting to \$125 per meeting beginning July 1, 2021. Motion Carried Unanimously  
C. Res. #21-173 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the administration and authorize the Change order #1 to ITB 20/21-11 for all work outlined in Change Order #1 to back fill 400 feet of ditching along Barth Road and place storm sewer below grade to discharge storm water at a cost of \$30, 050.00. Motion Carried Unanimously  
D. Res. #21-174 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback of the MiDeal Contract #07B770081 to purchase one (1) 2021 Ford 250 Transit Van with options for the price of \$38,396.00 from Gorno Ford, for the Department of Public Works Water/Sewer division. Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes  
7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes  
8. Public Comment - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes  
9. Unfinished Business - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes  
10. New Business  
11. Warrant  
A. Res. #21-175 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve Warrant #21-11 for checks presented in the amount of \$1,271,154.75. Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes  
13. Adjournment  
Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

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# Wayne - Westland

## Cleaning up Local communities continue to battle effects of major storms

During an emergency meeting last Friday, members of the Westland City Council agreed to allocate up to \$1 million in funding to clean up damage caused by recent storms.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has declared Wayne County a disaster area due to the property damage experienced in the area. The declaration authorizes the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) to coordinate state efforts above and beyond what MSP/EMHSD has already been doing in conjunction with local agencies.

Many residents throughout the area experienced severe basement flooding following the heavy rainfall which was estimated at 6-inches in the area. Residents in Wayne and Inkster are also facing severe damage and loss of property ruined in the flooding.

Westland councilman Peter Herzberg and mayoral candidate Tasha Green cast the only dissenting votes on the relief funding. Herzberg complained that the meeting was not scheduled earlier in the week while Green said the \$1 million was too much to immediately dedicate to the effort. That amount was proposed by city

Finance Director Steve Smith.

Westland officials have estimated that millions of gallons of raw sewage was discharged into the Rouge River as the city sewage system was overwhelmed by the torrential rains. Crews from DPW and DPS systems in Westland, Wayne, Canton Township and Inkster have been working steadily on pick-up of water and sewage damaged property.

Residents from throughout the area have already filed claims with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the loss of property, officials said. Forms to report damage in Westland are available at Westland City Hall; Westland Police Department; Westland Fire Administration; William P Faust Public Library; Westland Senior Friendship Center; Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center.

In Wayne, clean up kits are available at no cost at the police department. The kits include a bucket, mop, liquid cleaner, mask, gloves and other items. Any Wayne resident can pick up a kit from the lobby at the Wayne Police Department 24/7. It is not necessary to request a kit, simply take one while supplies last, police officials said.



Westland DPS crews continued picking up storm related trash from curbs throughout the holiday weekend. The damaged items are being taken to the city DPS facility, bottom two photos, and the Hawthorne Valley transfer site for removal. Officials said that DPS personnel have been working 12-hour shifts since the storm struck last Saturday morning. Several areas of Wayne continued to report power outages this week.

## Lawsuit

FROM PAGE 1

Leslie. Despite Hughes' complaints through his union representative about the obvious conflict of interest in an investigation of the city manager being performed by individuals she directed, the investigation proceeded and claimed to find no wrongdoing on Nocerini's part in the chief's selection process.

In Hughes' lawsuit, he claims that Nocerini "has a reputation of using nepotism, personal favoritism, intimidation and retaliation in conducting City of Wayne business."

The court filing references an independent investigation of Nocerini conducted in 2018 by a third-party professional which documented a "pervasive culture of mistrust, spying, favoritism, nepotism, intimidation, retaliatory conduct and other forms of corruption in the conduct of City of Wayne business, primarily by Nocerini."

The 50-page report documented multiple examples of misconduct and mismanagement by Nocerini following interviews with about 30 individuals. The members of the Wayne City Council opted to take no action regarding Nocerini following the report, despite multiple corrective recommendations by the investigators.

The current lawsuit further claims that

the "culture of personal power Nocerini exercises is tolerated, acquiesced to or ratified by Rhaesa, Leslie and city council members which encourages further abuse of power."

The court documents state that this policy allowed Nocerini to "steer appointments and promotions based upon her personal whims and to refuse to implement or follow objective criteria in the selection of appointments or promotions in the city."

Rhaesa denies the claims in the lawsuit and said, "The lawsuit is completely without factual or legal merit, and will be aggressively defended. Testing for the police chief position was done by EMPCO, which is an independent entity."

"Officials from EMPCO have provided a letter outlining the process and have confirmed that the allegations being made regarding the results of the assessment for the City of Wayne's Chief of Police position are erroneous," Rhaesa said in an email to which he attached a copy of the EMPCO letter.

"If a conversation did take place between an EMPCO assessor and a third party, the information provided was in error; or it was misinterpreted or misconstrued by the third party," the letter, signed by Castle, states.

"The current Chief scored the highest in the EMPCO testing and was unanimously selected by the City Council," Rhaesa concluded.

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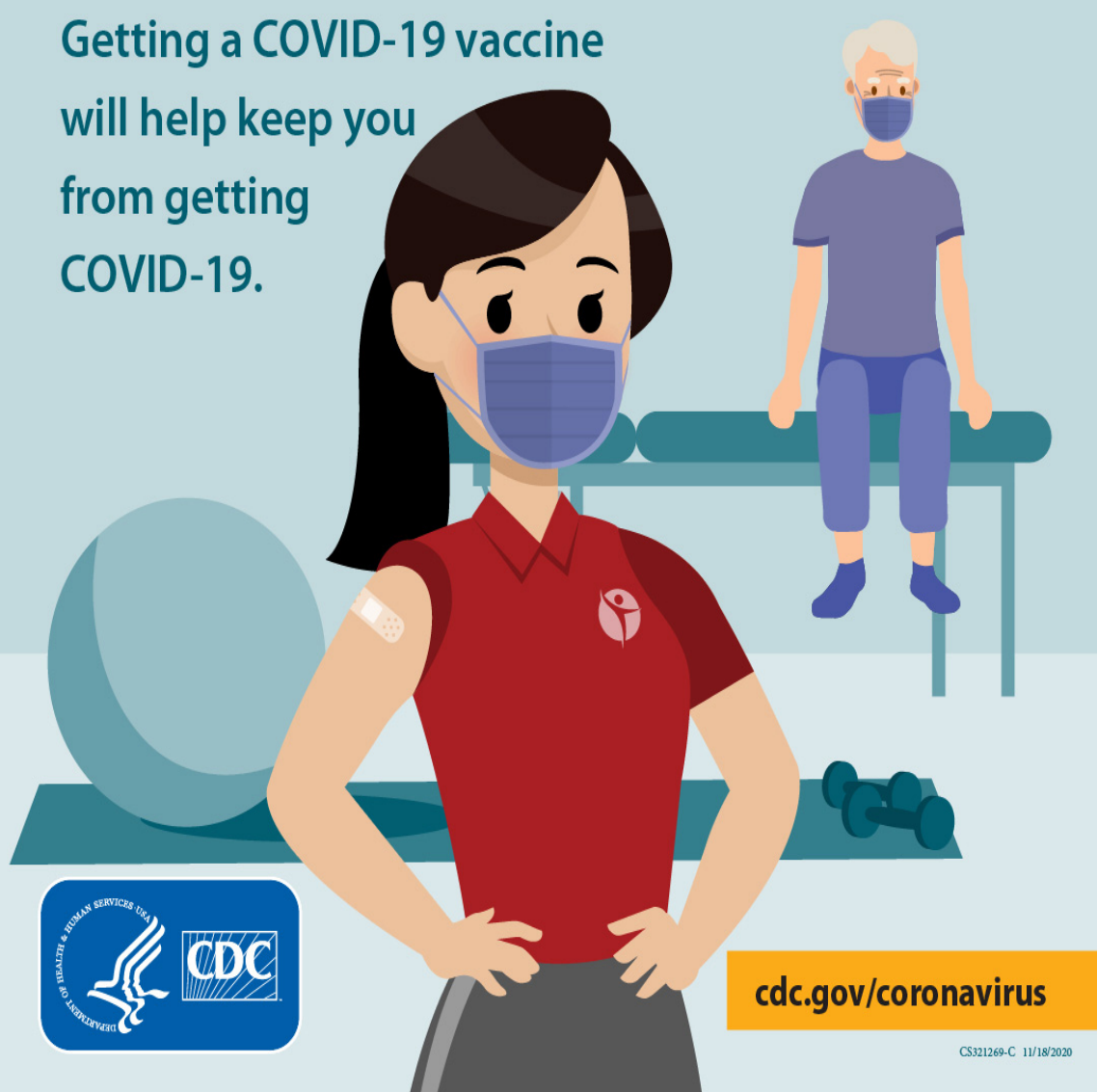
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# CANTON - PLYMOUTH

## First Bites for the Barn event set for next week

Local chefs and food trucks will be offering Bites for the Barn at Preservation Park in Canton this summer.

During these special outdoor events, participants will be able to gather around the table with friends and neighbors to enjoy small plate servings prepared by local chefs and food trucks. There will be beer and wine options available for purchase and entertainment by various performers.

“All of us are still saddened that we won’t be able to host Canton’s newest outdoor community dinners at the Cady-Boyer Barn, which burned down over Memorial Day weekend,” stated Laura Mortier, Canton recreation specialist. “Instead of hosting Bites at the Barn, we’re now holding Bites for the Barn, which will make special events even more memorable.”

The barn, used for public gatherings, contained lumber dating from the Civil War. It was a mainstay of Preservation Park and had been disassembled piece-by-piece by Amish craftsmen who meticulously num-

bered each piece. The lumber was then moved to the site at the park and carefully reassembled. The cause of the Memorial Day weekend fire was determined to have been two youngsters using flammable materials in an attempt to record a post for social media.

The first of the al fresco dinners is set for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 13 and will highlight Sunday Brunch featuring: Great Lakes Confections - Mini Donuts; Truckin Waffles - Chick’n & Waffles; Grace Savory and Sweet - Breakfast Scramble; Tapped - Avocado Toast; Meltdown Creamery - Ice Cream Dessert; and Maraschinos Pub - Beer and Wine (additional fee). Musical

entertainment will be provided by Bob Skon.

Future Bites for the Barn are planned for Tuesday, Aug. 3, and Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Table registrations and payment is required in advance at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org). The per person fee to attend is \$35 for Canton residents and \$46 for non-residents. Tickets will include four or five small plates; beer and wine will be sold separately.

Tables will be configured for eight individuals and to be seated at the same table, participants must register together on the same transaction. Seating assignments will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

All proceeds from these “Bites for the Barn” events will benefit the future development of Preservation Park, which is home to the Canton Farmers Market, as well as several historical Canton properties.

For additional information about these special fundraisers, visit [www.canton-mi.org/678](http://www.canton-mi.org/678).

Preservation Park is located at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton.



## Festival

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on the pavement for 7 seconds, it is not safe and will burn pets’ feet.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the fee to park in the Central Parking Deck will be \$10 and that is the anticipated fee for most public and private parking lots in and around the downtown, according to Tony Bruscato of the Downtown Development Authority.

Volunteers from the Rotary Club of

Plymouth will collect \$10 to park from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday. The money Rotary collects is used to help fund various Plymouth community projects.

No one will be allowed to park in the Central Parking Deck without paying \$10 during the three days between those hours. No excuses will be accepted by volunteers collecting money.

Organizers urged visitors to park at Schoolcraft College and ride the air-conditioned buses back and forth from downtown during the event. The bus fee is \$3.

## Canton students win gold medals

Two Canton Township students were awarded the high school gold medal in job skill demonstration A.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 107 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 650 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers.

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PLYMOUTH

Happy birthdays  
Plymouth seniors celebrate centennials

It was quite a party last month when six Plymouth residents celebrated more than 600 years of life experience.

The six were the guests of honor at a birthday party at Independence Village in Plymouth celebrating the centennial birthdays of five and the 103rd birthday of another.

The event included a visit from Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott who presented official city proclamations to each of the guests of honor who also enjoyed lunch, birthday cake and live music during the afternoon.

Among those celebrating was Jalileh Mansour who was born Aug. 15, 1921 in Ramallah, Palestine.

Mansour, who has five brothers and four sisters, remained single and dedicated her life to education and world exploration. She started her studies in Lebanon in math and science, before traveling to places like Jordan, Paris, and South America. Mansour decided to finish her bachelor's degree in 1956 in Alabama before a career teaching middle school.

She said her travels gave her the best experiences of her life, including meeting the King and Queen of Jordan. From continuing her education in France and Tennessee, to visiting Egypt, she said these were the best times in her life.

She worked for 30 years at Henry Ford Hospital doing research and retired in the early 1980s. Before moving to Plymouth, she was a 30-year resident of Livonia and traveled frequently to her two condos in Florida.

"We didn't have cell phones, and I travelled alone," she stressed.

She continues to pursue her hobbies including needlework, making pillows, placemats, and tablecloths.

Mansour said her secret to a long life is staying single and living her most authentic, exciting life.

Also celebrating her milestone birthday was Dorothy Rasmussen.

Rasmussen was born Dorothy Law Aug. 7, 1921 in River Rouge. She and her husband, Harold Roy Rasmussen, were married 50 years and had nine children together and she now has six grandchildren.

Her husband was chief of the Boilermakers Union, she recalled and she was a government worker.

Rasmussen now enjoys reading, playing bingo and cards but she has given up one of her favorite hobbies, sewing. She enjoyed sewing so much, she said, that she made many of her children's clothes.

Her secret to longevity? "I'm just here is all I know!"

Elaine Galbraith was born Elaine Anna Mathieu on July 10, 1921 in Duluth, Minnesota. She married Robert Galbraith in 1949 and the couple had one son, who lives locally with his wife, Charlene.

Galbraith said that Charlene is the best daughter-in-law she could ever wish for and trusts her with everything. Galbraith has one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Galbraith previously taught physical education and got her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois. She said she and her family lived in several states as her father was often promoted and transferred, including Illinois, Wyoming, New York, Minnesota, and Missouri before residing in Michigan.

A resident of Independence Village for 10 years, Galbraith said she loves living on her floor and thinks the residents are amazing.

Galbraith still loves all sports and also enjoys reading. She said she loves making people laugh and her varied array of shirts

with witty sayings make people smile.

Her secret to a long life? "Good nutrition, keep your mind and body active and stay interested in things."

Louis Plant was born in Loiselleville, Ontario, Canada on Jan. 7, 1921. He and his family eventually moved to the United States and after graduation, Plant worked as a bookkeeper in Detroit. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942 following the attack on Pearl Harbor and served as the lead signalman for his ship handling the Morse code blinker light and flag hoist. After being honorably discharged, Plant married and he and his wife, Rita, are the parents of three children.

Evie Vinton, the oldest of the birthday celebrants, was born on July 5, 1918, in Grand Rapids. She married her sweetheart "Frank" in 1940, but was widowed when he was killed in a plane crash while on a training mission. Distraught and needing direction, she said, she joined the U.S. Army feeling it would

Mayor Oliver Wolcott congratulates the centenarians.

give her guidance and purpose.

She eventually married Bob Vinton, a friend of her late husband, and they adopted two girls. Vinton now has several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Vinton, at 103, continues to write poetry and is the oldest resident at Independence Village.

William Brown also marked his 100th birthday during the celebration.

Brown was born in Syracuse, NY on June 13 1921. A machinist, he received an 18-month delay before entering the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His group was responsible for repairing roads, buildings and any other repairs needed at various areas.

In 1946 he returned from the service to his wife, Mildred and he eventually built a machine shop in Canton Township. He went on to get his pilot's license and fly a twin-engine airplane.

The couple are the parents of three daughters and one son, along with nine grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren with another on the way.

Brown now spends his time doing what he loves, he said, building model airplanes and flying them, and flying his real airplane with his son.

Brown can still comfortably wear his World War II Army uniform, and said his secret to a long life, is his love for people. He said he loves "to talk to people, work with people. I've met people all around the world and found that they are so nice if you just talk to them."

Independence Village Executive Director Debbie Hall



Independence Village residents and their families enjoy the centennial birthday celebration.



Jalilah Mansour



Elaine Galbraith

said the party was really a first for this number of centenarians at the facility. She said that in past years, there may have been as many as three marking the one-century milestone, but never six.

She said that while the residents may each have their own individual secret to longevity, she believes there is one common factor:

"We keep them engaged and happy and, most importantly, we give them something to look forward to every day, which is the ticket to longevity for all of us," she said.



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